

Ladies and Gentlemen: You as FCC Commissioners and staff will not be able to legally defend your decision to allow Sinclair's broadcasting stations to air clearly biased political material within 2 weeks of a presidential election.

If you at the FCC do not fulfill your duty to regulate the public airwaves in the Sinclair case, you will face extensive investigation by Congress and the Courts and face the most severe penalties for failing to protect the public airwaves from political manipulation.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.